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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Circular Welded Carbon-Quality Steel Pipe from the Sultanate of Oman: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2017-2018

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily finds that circular welded carbon-quality steel pipe (CWP) from the Sultanate of Oman (Oman) has been sold in the United States at prices below normal value (NV) during the period of review (POR), December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2018. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: Applicable [Insert date of publication in the *Federal Register*].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis McClure or Robert Palmer, AD/CVD Operations, Office VIII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-5973 or (202) 482-9068, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 14, 2019, Commerce initiated the antidumping duty administrative review on circular welded carbon-quality steel pipe from the Sultanate of Oman.¹ This review covers one producer/exporter of the subject merchandise, Al Jazeera Steel Products Co. SAOG (Al

¹ See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 84 FR 9297 (March 14, 2019).

Jazeera). For a detailed description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.²

Scope of the Order

The merchandise subject to the *Order*³ is CWP from Oman. A full description of the scope of the *Order* is contained in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(B) and (a)(2) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Export price was calculated in accordance with section 772 of the Act. NV was calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act.

For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. A list of the topics included in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as an appendix to this notice. One of the issues raised in the course of this review was the treatment of duties paid pursuant to section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended.⁴ As explained in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, we have adjusted export prices to reflect the payment of those duties, in accordance with section 772(c)(2)(A) of the Act.⁵

² See Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Circular Welded Carbon-Quality Steel Pipe from the Sultanate of Oman; 2017-2018,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

³ See *Circular Welded Carbon-Quality Steel Pipe From the Sultanate of Oman, Pakistan, and the United Arab Emirates: Amended Final Affirmative Antidumping Duty Determination and Antidumping Duty Orders*, 81 FR 91906 (December 19, 2016) (*Order*).

⁴ See 19 U.S.C. 1862.

⁵ See Preliminary Decision Memorandum at 17-19.

In addition, the domestic interested parties⁶ have alleged the existence of a particular market situation (PMS) in Oman with respect to the price of the input, hot rolled coil, pursuant to section 773(e) of the Act.⁷ We have preliminarily determined that there is no PMS.⁸

The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <http://access.trade.gov>, and to all parties in the Central Records Unit, room B8024 of the main Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/index.html>. The signed and electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Preliminary Results of the Review

We preliminarily determine that, for the period of December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2018, the following weighted-average dumping margin exists:

Exporter/Producer	Weighted-Average Dumping Margin (percent)
Al Jazeera Steel Products Co. SAOG	1.04

⁶ The domestic interested parties are Independence Tube Corporation, a Nucor company, and Southland Tube, Incorporated, a Nucor company.

⁷ See Domestic Interested Parties' Letter, "Certain Circular Welded Carbon-Quality Steel Pipe from the Sultanate of Oman: Particular Market Situation Allegation and Supporting Information," dated June 19, 2019.

⁸ See Preliminary Decision Memorandum at 6-13.

Disclosure, Public Comment, and Opportunity to Request a Hearing

We intend to disclose the calculations performed for these preliminary results of review to interested parties within five days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b). Interested parties may submit case briefs to Commerce no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.⁹ Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than five days after the date for filing case briefs.¹⁰ Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) a statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.¹¹ Case and rebuttal briefs should be filed using ACCESS.¹²

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, filed electronically via ACCESS. An electronically-filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by ACCESS by 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain: (1) the party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; (3) whether any participant is a foreign national; and (4) a list of issues parties intend to discuss. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in the respective case and rebuttal briefs. If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce intends to hold the hearing at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue,

⁹ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii).

¹⁰ See 19 CFR 351.309(d).

¹¹ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

¹² See 19 CFR 351.303.

NW, Washington, DC 20230, at a time and date to be determined.¹³ Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

We intend to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any written briefs, not later than 120 days after the date of publication of this notice, unless the deadline is extended.¹⁴

Assessment Rates

Upon issuance of the final results, Commerce shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review.¹⁵

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), as Al Jazeera reported the entered value for its U.S. sales, we calculated importer-specific *ad valorem* duty assessment rates based on the ratio of the total amount of dumping calculated for the examined sales to the total entered value of the sales.¹⁶ Where the respondent's weighted-average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis* within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.106(c)(1), or an importer-specific rate is zero or *de minimis*, we will instruct CBP to liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties.

The final results of this review shall be the basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of merchandise covered by the final results of this review and for future deposits of estimated duties, where applicable.

¹³ See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

¹⁴ See section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act; and 19 CFR 351.213(h).

¹⁵ See 19 CFR 351.212(b).

¹⁶ In these preliminary results, we applied the assessment rate calculation method adopted in *Antidumping Proceedings: Calculation of the Weighted-Average Dumping Margin and Assessment Rate in Certain Antidumping Duty Proceedings; Final Modification*, 77 FR 8101 (February 14, 2012).

In accordance with our “automatic assessment” practice, for entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by Al Jazeera for which it did not know its merchandise was destined for the United States, we will instruct CBP to liquidate unreviewed entries at the all-others rate.¹⁷

We intend to issue liquidation instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of the final results of this review.

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following deposit requirements will be effective for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of this administrative review, as provided by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) the cash deposit rate for Al Jazeera will be the rate established in the final results of this review; (2) for previously reviewed or investigated companies not participating in this review, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recently-completed segment of this proceeding in which the company was reviewed; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the less-than-fair value (LTFV) investigation, but the manufacturer is, then the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recently-completed segment of this proceeding for the manufacturer of subject merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other manufacturers or exporters will continue to be 7.36 percent, the all-others rate established in the LTFV investigation.¹⁸ These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

¹⁷ For a full discussion of this clarification, see *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003).

¹⁸ See *Order*.

Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this POR. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of doubled antidumping duties.

Notification to Interested Parties

The preliminary results of this review are issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: December 16, 2019.

Jeffrey I. Kessler,
Assistant Secretary
for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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